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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/961,024
Filing Date	September 21, 2001
First Named Inventor	Brian R. Mears
Group Art Unit	2112
Examiner Name	Nimesh G. Patel
Attorney Docket Number	884.481US1
Customer No.	21186

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application entitled MULTIPLE CHANNEL INTERFACE FOR COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN DEVICES (AS AMENDED).

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

1. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on March 7, 2005.
2. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .
3. ☐ An Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.116 ( pages ) is enclosed.
4. ☐ A new power of attorney ( pages ) is enclosed.
5. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed ( 2 pages ).
  - a. 1 Form(s) 1449
  - b. Copy of Written Opinion issued in International Application No. PCT/US02/29075
6. ☒ Authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0743 in the amount of \$790.00 to pay the RCE filing fee required under C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
7. ☒ **The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge any fees set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 through 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.**
8. ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time in the prior application ( 1 pages ) is enclosed along with authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0743 in the amount of \$330.00 to pay the extension fee.

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**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:** The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Attn-Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 5th day of April, 2005.

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